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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
AKIHIKO TANIOKA : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
(Based on PCT/JP01/01023)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: POLYELECTROLYTE, :
POLYELECTROLYTE :
MEMBRANE AND FUEL CELL :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

8. (Amended) The polyelectrolyte according to claim 2, wherein said ion-exchange group is a sulfonic group.

Please add new Claims 13 and 14 as follows:

13. (New) The polyelectrolyte according to claim 4, wherein said ion-exchange group is a sulfonic group.

14. (New) The polyelectrolyte according to claim 6, wherein said ion-exchange group is a sulfonic group.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are active in the present application. Claim 8 has been amended to remove multiple dependencies. New Claims 13 and 14 are supported by original Claim 8. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

--8. (Amended) The polyelectrolyte according to [any one of claims 2, 4 and 6]
claim 2, wherein said ion-exchange group is a sulfonic group.

Claims 13-14 (New).--